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Senate Resolution 1006

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By: Senators Brown of the 26th, Reed of the 35th, Orrock of the 36th, Butler of the 55th, Adelman of the 42nd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the right of an individual
- 2 to make medical decisions shall not be infringed; to provide for submission of this
- 3 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

- 6 Article I, Section I of the Constitution is amended by renumbering Paragraph XXIX as
- 7 Paragraph XXX and inserting a new Paragraph XXIX to read as follows:
- 8 "Paragraph XXIX. Noninterference in medical decisions. Autonomy and self-direction
- 9 are fundamental attributes of an individual's inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit
- 10 of happiness. To protect these fundamental rights, the government shall not infringe on an
- 11 individual's right to make medical decisions."

12 SECTION 2.

- 13 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
- 14 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
- 15 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:
- 16 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the right
- 17 () NO of an individual to make medical decisions shall not be infringed?"
- All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
- 19 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
- such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
- 21 become a part of the Constitution of this state.